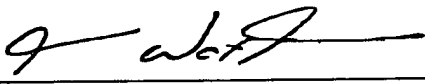


In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the currently-pending claims, as herein amended, clearly define statutory subject matter. Accordingly, allowance of the currently-pending claims is now respectfully submitted to be justified, and favorable consideration is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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